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- (1) DE Patent No. 197 08 279;
- (2) DE Patent No. 195 27 822;
- (3) EP Patent No. 1 033 112;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,704,938;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,356,411; and
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,720,746.

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